

Critical-Thinking Questions

"The Race Against Death"

1. What combination of problems did the town of Nome face in 1925? Why is it unlikely that Nome would face these problems today?
2. Who was responsible for overcoming Nome's diphtheria outbreak? What role did each play?
3. The medicine arrived in Nome in even less time than officials had hoped. What does this tell you about the mushers and the sled dogs?
4. Which details show the challenging natural conditions the dogs and mushers had to overcome?
5. What does the excerpt on page 9 tell you about a sled dog's senses?